**Civilization begins in Mesopotamia Notes** pg. 26-31

1. Mesopotamia was located in present day \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. What two rivers were important to Mesopotamia?

3. What does “Mesopotamia” mean?

4. Where is the Fertile Crescent?

5. How did the people in Mesopotamia learn to control the flow of the rivers?

6. What three groups were part of Mesopotamia?

7. What was the first Mesopotamian civilization?

8. What kind of religion did the Mesopotamians have? What does this word mean?

9. List three Sumerian cities. Around when were they established?

10. The basic unit of Sumerian civilization was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

11. What did the Sumerians use for building?

12. What is a ziggurat?

13. Why do you think priests and priestesses in Sumer had a lot of power?

14. Define theocracy.

15. On what was the Sumerian economy based?

16. What was invented in 3000 BC?

17. What were the three major social groups in Sumer?

18. What is cuneiform? What does it look like?

19. What was a scribe? Why would someone want to become one?

20. What epic poem was written during this time period?

21. Besides the wagon wheel, what other type of wheel did the Sumerian invent?

22. On what number was the Sumerian number system based?

23. List two other achievements of the Sumerians noted on page 31.